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SUBJECT: MALIK AND KIKI EXCHANGE LETTERS ON BORDER UNREST

- 1. INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK TOLD THE PRESS TODAY THAT HE HAS RECENTLY EXCHANGED LETTERS WITH PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) FOREIGN MINISTER MAORO KIKI ON THE CURRENT SITUATION ALONG THE INDONESIAN-PNG BORDER.
- 2. KIKI INITIATED THE EXCHANGE IN A LETTER DATED JUNE 3, EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT RECENT EVENTS ON THE BORDER COULD DISTURB RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. KIKI REITERATED THE PLEDGE EARLIER MADE BY PNG PRIME MINISTER SOMARE TO RETURN ILLEGAL BORDER-CROSSERS TO INDONESIA IN ACCORD WITH THE 1973 BORDER AGREEMENT, BUT REQUESTED A "GUARANTEE" THAT THE INDONESIANS WOULD NOT TAKE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST RETURNEES.
- 3. MALIK'S REPLY, DATED JUNE 9, WELCOMED PNG'S
 CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO THE 1973 AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED THE
 HOPE THAT "THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF NEW GUINEA
 WOULD NOT BE INFLUENCED BY SENSATIONAL AND PROVOCATIVE
 REPORTS FROM THE BORDER." WHILE REITERATING THE STANDARD
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INDONESIAN POSITION THAT THE RECENT UNREST IN IRIAN JAYA GREW OUT OF TRIBAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL TENSION AND WAS ENTIRELY INDONESIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIR, MALIK SAID THAT "IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH PAPUA NEW GUINEA," NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST RETURNEES "UNLESS THEY COMMITTED A CRIME."

4. THE PNG DCM IN JAKARTA CONFIRMED THE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER MALIK'S REPLY CONTAINED ADEQUATE ASSURANCES. IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID, PNG AUTHORITIES ARE ENCOURAGING BUT NOT FORCING BORDER-CROSSERS TO RETURN TO IRIAN JAYA.

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